

RECOMMENDATIONS

'Essence of Life'

**May 24 - 30**  
Four artists from Bangladesh, India and America holds a joint painting exhibition titled 'Jibon Rasa' or 'Essence of life' using natural colours as ingredients of paint. The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Essentials, House 30, Road 42, Gulshan#2.

Quamrul-er Ramonira

**May 17 - 31**  
Entitled 'Quamrul-er Ramonira', a 15-day long painting exhibition by artist Quamrul Hassan is being held at the Shilpangan gallery in the city. The show is open to all from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Calligraphy

**May 17 - June 04**  
A calligraphy exhibition with the works of 24 renowned artists goes on at the lobby of National Museum in the city. The exhibition is open to all daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Group art show

**May 15 - 29**  
The High Commission of India Cultural Centre presents a group art show featuring fifteen prominent artists from Chittagong at 754, Sarmasjid Road, Dhaka. The show will run daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Photography on ship-breaking

**May 18-29**  
R. Laarsen, a photographer from Sweden and a teacher at Pathshala Photography School, holds a solo exhibition in the city on issues of ship-breaking in Bangladesh. Through his works, Laarsen raise questions those focus on various hazardous and harmful sides of the business including matters of environmental pollution caused by the breaking process.

The exhibition is going on at the DRIK gallery in the city and is open daily from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Twelve young artists' show

**May 26 - June 4**  
A contemporary painting exhibition of 12 young artists of Bangladesh is on at the gallery of Russian Cultural center in the city. The display is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Bangla songs of 21st century

**May 31**  
Various cultural events and discussions will take place at the main auditorium of National Museum in the city from 3 p.m. onwards, in commemoration of the completion of the first decade of Nibedan, an organisation of traditional Bangla music.

Exhibition

# A world composed in alphabets

A calligraphy exhibition, organised by Sahittya Sanskriti Kendra, is now being held at National Museum in the city

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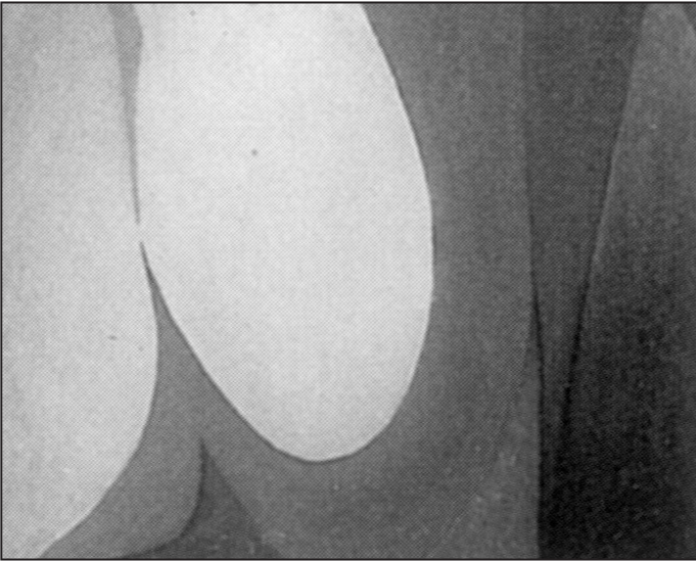
A feeling of divine serenity fills up the mind as one enters the lobby of the National Museum in the city, the venue of a calligraphy exhibition now on view.

Dhaka Sahittya Sanskriti Kendra, a cultural organisation, hosts the exhibition featuring 85 works of calligraphy and wood cut installations by 24 renowned and up-and coming artists. For a good number of the participating artists this exhibition marks their first exposure into the cultural landscape of the country.

The big names of our art world that the exhibition has managed to rope in are Murtaza Basheer, Abu Taher, Shamsul Islam Nizami, Abdus Satter, Rasa and Sabih-ul-Alam. Verses from the Holy Qur'an assume soothing and sublime forms in refreshing shade and colour. Done in oil, acrylic, pastel, mixed media, print, etching, on metallic block and on wood, the magnificent array of calligraphy work render the viewers captivated. A number of exhibits lay emphasis on lines, while others concentrate on bright colour, yet others on the harmony of the words that are being written with artistic imagination.

Mahbub Murshid, a participating artist, says, 'Here in this exhibition, most of the works contain abstract subject and this has been done to bring a new dimension in Arabic calligraphy in Bangladesh.' Mahbub, who had served for long as an apprentice to artist S M Sultan, feels, there is no religious restriction in improving and creative reshaping of the Arabic alphabets.

Ha Mim Kefayetullah, the youngest artist featuring in the exhibition, says 'When my

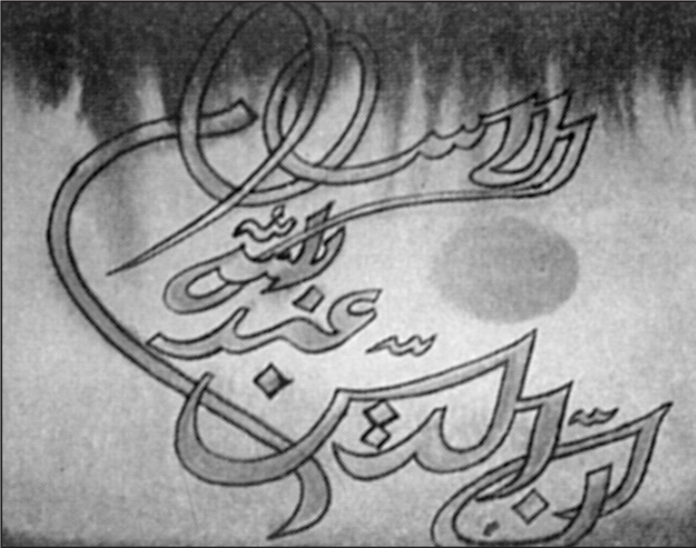


A work of calligraphy in oil by Murtaja Baseer, a top artist of the country

friends used to play games outside, I often opted for a secluded spot in my home or somewhere else, where I could concentrate on my works of art. Later on, after getting admitted into a Madrassah, I continued with my passion for calligraphy.'

Aminul Islam is a graduate from Bogra Fine Arts Academy. Amin prefers to present Arabic

calligraphy in a bold and striking manner, with a background depicting human anatomy. An intricate drawing of the heart, lungs, muscles and the fine blood vessels and veins are visible in the neatly organised background. The artist, who seems to have a sound knowledge of human anatomy draws verses of the Qur'an with sug-



Abdul Aziz prefers brighter shades



Renowned artist Abu Taher prefers to compose calligraphy in oil

gestion of the bio-mechanic activities of the human organs. Deep red, yellow, blue and ashy shades used in the composition of the organs, accompany white-lettered Arabic calligraphy, all of which mingle and rise upwards to a opening through which a bright light shows the way.

Artists Nasiruddin Ahmed,

Amirul Haque and Mubasshir Majumdar depict calligraphy through forms and designs of the floral element. Peace and tranquility in the society can be brought about through harmonious co-existence and friendship. The symbolic forms in red, green and bright blue petals are indicative of this harmony. Monuar Hossain brightens his



An abstract work of calligraphy by Mohammad Amirul Haque



Circular formation of 'Bismillah pattern' in water colour by Rezaul Karim

floral presentations with the addition of a deep orange Krishnachura tree beside his large calligraphy composition.

Reputed artists such as Murtaza Basheer, Abu Taher and Abdus Satter display works, all of which contain more abstract themes and subjects compared to their junior colleagues. Works of Basheer and

Taher display striking colour composition. Rasa, a renowned sculptor of the country, puts on show a sculptural piece in flowing calligraphic design, which provides a refreshing variation to the entries of the show.

The exhibition is open for all from 10 am to 5 p.m. everyday till June 4.



A work by Mahbub Murshid

## TV GUIDE

BTV

**2:10p.m.**News headline  
**2:15** Patriotic songs  
**2:20** Open University  
**2:45** Nutrition related program  
**3:00** News  
**3:05** Education for all  
**3:20** Cartoon  
**4:00** News headline  
**4:05** Children's program  
**4:15** Drama  
**5:00** News  
**5:05** Drama series  
**5:30** Songs  
**6:00** News  
**6:10** Family planning  
**6:35** Chittagong center  
**BTV**  
**7:00** News headline  
**7:05** Jainul Abedin Special  
**7:30** World Safe Motherhood Day  
**8:00** News  
**8:30** Drama serial  
**9:00** News headline  
**9:05** Drama  
**10:00** News at ten  
**10:30** Somoy-er Sanglap  
**11:30** News (Bangla/English)  
**11:45** Closing

Ekushey

**12:00pm**Ekushey Middy  
**12:30** Deshjure Chalchitro  
**1:00** Ekushey Headlines  
**1:05** Expedition to the Animal Kingdom  
**1:30** Documentary programmed : Japan Video Tropic  
**2:10** Classic Cartoons  
**2:50** Surer Prodeep  
**2:40** Drishti  
**3:00** Ekushey Headlines  
**3:05** Drama Serial  
**3:30** Amader Kotha  
**4:00** Surer Prodeep  
**4:30** Expedition to the Animal Kingdom  
**5:00** Circus Circus  
**5:50** Aaker Potrikay  
**6:00** Ekushey Headlines  
**6:05** Classic Cartoons  
**6:30** Charidike  
**6:55** Ekushey Headlines  
**7:00** Deho Tore  
**7:30** Ekushey Shongbad  
**8:00** Ekushey News  
**8:05** Kena Kata  
**8:30** Drama Serial : Biskata  
**9:00** Natok :  
**10:00** News : Simulcast from BTV  
**10:30** When Century Was Young  
**11:00** Ekushey Late Night Shongbad  
**11:30** Ekushey Business  
**12:00** Ekushey Headlines

CHANNEL-i

Morning

**7:50** Pre-world cup program  
**8:25** Tasmeri Film  
**9:00** Business show  
**9:35** Drama serial  
**10:05** Documentary  
**10:40** Roving Eye  
**11:10** Music Plus  
**11:50** Weekly I Focus  
**12:15** Pre-world cup program  
**12:30** Tasmeri Film Award  
**Evening**  
**1:00** Business show  
**1:30** Drama serial  
**2:00** Bangla feature film  
**5:00** Opening  
**5:05** Documentary  
**5:35** Goto saatdin  
**6:10** Music Plus  
**6:50** Saat rong-er khela  
**7:15** Channel I News  
**7:50** Pre-world cup program  
**8:05** Kora alaa  
**8:30** Joar bhata  
**9:00** Channel I News  
**9:35** Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh  
**10:00** Drama serial  
**10:25** Ispahani I telequiz  
**10:30** Channel I News  
**12:40** Shornali din

BBC WORLD

**6:00** BBC News  
**6:30** World Business Report  
**7:00** BBC News  
**7:30** Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
**8:00** BBC News  
**8:30** Asia Today/World Business Report  
**9:00** BBC News  
**9:30** Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
**10:00** BBC News  
**10:30** World Business Report  
**11:00** BBC News  
**11:30** World Business Report  
**12:00 pm**BBC News  
**12:30** World Business

Report/Sport

**Today**  
**1:00** BBC News  
**1:30** Click Online  
**2:00** BBC News  
**2:30** Award  
**3:00** BBC News  
**3:30** Earth Report  
**4:00** BBC News  
**4:30** Asia Today/World Business Report  
**5:00** BBC News  
**5:30** Hardtalk  
**HBO**  
**6:45am** To Wong Foo Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar  
**9:00** Midnight Run  
**11:30** Wuthering Heights  
**1:45** ED  
**3:45** Screamers  
**6:00** House On Haunted Hill  
**8:00** Get Carter  
**10:00** The Jackal  
**12:30am**Westlife Live: Where Dreams Come True  
**2:30** ED  
**4:30** House On Haunted Hill  
**STAR MOVIES**  
**6:30am** Too Smooth  
**8:30** Tom Sawyer  
**10:15** Big Mommas House  
**12:00pm**Kid, The  
**1:45** Tribulation  
**3:30** Coupe De Ville  
**5:30** Molly  
**7:00** Murphys Romance  
**8:30** Blood Surf  
**10:30** Tom Sawyer  
**12:30** Prototype  
**STAR GOLD**  
**7:00am** Bandhan  
**8:30** Kuchchey  
**9:00** Dhaagon Ka (Shashi Kapoor, Rakhee, Zeenat Aman)  
**10:30** Bollywood News  
**11:00** Geet Bahar  
**11:30** Bachpan (Sanjeev Kumar, Tanuja)  
**3:00pm** Bollywood News

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**STAR WORLD:** 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. *The Pretender.* A very young boy named Jarod is brought to The Centre, an organisation shrouded in secretive and suspicious activity. With a uniquely high IQ, Jarod becomes a human experiment, He becomes a Pretender. In tonight's episode, A new exciting season begins on the Pretender as Jarod manages to escape from the Centre once again .

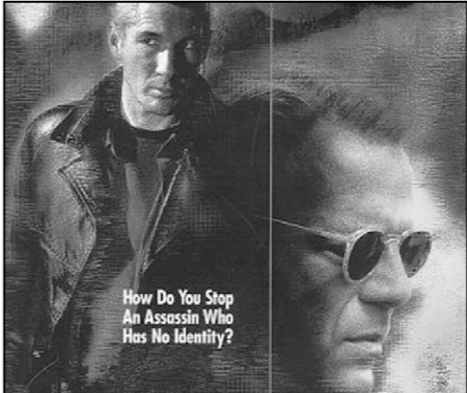


**STAR MOVIES:** 7:00 p.m. *Murphy's Romance.* Emma is a divorced woman with a teen aged boy who moves into a small town and tries to make a go of a horse ranch. Murphey is the town druggist who steers business her way. Things are going along predictably until her ex husband shows up, needing a place to stay.



**AXN:** 10:30 p.m. *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen.* The fantastic tale of a 17th century aristocrat, his talented henchmen and a little girl in their efforts to save a town from defeat by the Turks. Being swallowed by a giant sea-monster, a trip to the moon, a dance with Venus and an escape from the Grim Reaper are only some of the improbable adventures.

PICK OF THE DAY



**The Jackal**  
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.  
Russian mobster Terek Murad has declared open season on the Russian militia and the FBI over the shooting of his brother in a Moscow nightclub. He hires the Jackal, a nasty assassin whom nobody has even seen, to kill some high-ranking person in the American government.

**3:30** Anuraag (Ashok Kumar, Nutan, Vinod Mehra)  
**7:00** Geet Bahar  
**7:30** Mangal Masti : Biwi Ho To Aisi (Farouque Sheikh, Rekha)  
**11:00** Bollywood News  
**11:30** Romance (Kumar, Gaurav, Poonam Dhillon)

STAR WORLD

**7:00** The Oprah Winfrey Show  
**8:00** MacGyver  
**9:00** King of Queens  
**9:30** Dharma & Greg  
**10:00** Boston Public  
**11:00** The Oprah Winfrey Show  
**12:00pm** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**12:30** Frasier  
**1:00** Caroline In The City  
**1:30** The Bold & The Beautiful  
**2:00** Hollywood Squares  
**2:30** Family Ties  
**3:00** Baywatch  
**4:00** The Simpsons  
**4:30** 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The

**5:00** Star News Asia  
**5:30** Friends  
**6:00** JAG  
**6:55** Asianews Update  
**7:00** The Pretender  
**8:00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit  
**9:00** Friends  
**9:30** JAG  
**10:30** The Pretender  
**11:30** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit  
**12:30** JAG

**STAR PLUS**  
**6:30** Star Geetmala  
**7:30** Hum Saath Aath Hain  
**8:00** Aatma  
**9:00** Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
**9:30** Fox Kids-Daily  
**10:30** Small Wonder  
**11:00** Maal Hai To Taal Hai  
**11:30** Meri Saheli  
**12:00pm**Shanti  
**12:30** Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
**1:00** Kora Kagaz  
**1:30** Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

**ANIMAL PLANET**  
**7:00** Wild Rescues II  
**7:30** K-9 to 5  
**8:00** Wild on the Set II  
**8:30** Planet's Funniest Animals

**9:00** Croc Files  
**9:30** Horse Tales  
**10:00** Animal Hospital  
**10:30** Battersea Dogs Home  
**11:00** Animal Planet Safari  
**12:00** Tuesday Trauma  
**1:30** Natural World  
**2:30** Shark Gordon  
**3:00** Natural Neighbors  
**3:30** K-9 to 5 (Season II)  
**4:00** Wild on the Set II  
**4:30** Animal Hospital  
**5:00** Croc Files  
**5:30** Animals A-Z  
**6:00** Lifesense  
**6:30** Battersea Dogs Home  
**7:00** Wild Rescues II  
**7:30** Vets on the Wild Side  
**8:00** Tuesday Trauma  
**9:30** World of Horses  
**10:00** O'Shea's Big Adventure II  
**10:30** Animal Planet Safari  
**11:30** Natural World

**DISCOVERY**  
**7:30** Monkey Business  
**8:00** K-9 to 5  
**8:30** Wild Discovery  
**9:30** Travelers II  
**10:30** Science Mysteries  
**11:30** Science Frontiers

**12:30** Great Palaces of the World  
**1:00** Great Castles of Europe  
**1:30** Wild Discovery  
**2:30** Monkey Business  
**3:00** K-9 to 5  
**3:30** Going Wild With Jeff Corwin  
**4:00** Mega Movie Magic  
**4:30** Ushuaia  
**5:30** Travelers II  
**6:30** Monkey Business  
**7:00** K-9 to 5  
**7:30** Wild Discovery  
**8:30** Science Mysteries  
**9:30** Science Frontiers  
**10:30** Discovery Show-case  
**11:30** Best Kept Secrets of .....

ZEE CINEMA

**7:00** Top Of The Tops  
**7:30** Shivshakti  
**10:30** Madhosh  
**1:30** Chaila Babu  
**5:15** Weekend Cinema  
**6:00** Yeh Vaada Raha  
**9:15** Yaadein Radio  
**9:30** Ceylon Ki  
**10:00** Saajan  
**ZEE TV**  
**7:00** Yoga For Life  
**7:30** Jagran  
**7:50** Zee Gym & Eat  
**8:20** News  
**8:30** Ardhangini  
**8:45** Yaadein Radio  
**9:00** Nickelodeon on Zee  
**9:30** Nick on Zee  
**10:30** Hum Paanch  
**11:00** Hudd Kar Di  
**12:00** Koshish ... Ek Aashaa  
**12:30** Kitne Kool Hain Hum  
**1:30** Tu Kahe Agar  
**2:00** Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan  
**2:30** Main Tulsi Tere Aangan Ki  
**6:00** Nick On Zee  
**6:30** Nickelodeon

**8:00** Kitne Kool Hain Hum  
**8:30** Kammal  
**9:00** Justjoo  
**9:30** Nilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom  
**10:00** Kohi Apna Sa  
**10:30** Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan  
**11:00** Tu Kahe Agar  
**11:30** Tum Pukar Lo  
**12:00** Gharana  
**ZEE MUSIC**  
**7:30** Sizzlers  
**8:00** Music Box  
**8:30** Dil Se  
**9:00** Sizzlers  
**9:30** Hit Pe Hit  
**10:30** Hit Mix  
**11:00** Taaza Maal  
**12:00** Compact Disc  
**12:30** Hit Pe Hit  
**1:30** Music Box  
**2:00** Jharokha  
**2:30** Tara Rum Pum  
**3:30** Hit Mix  
**4:00** Hit Pe Hit  
**5:00** Compact Disc  
**5:30** Hit Mix  
**6:00** Music Plus  
**7:00** Just Jammin  
**7:30** Hit Pe Hit  
**8:30** Music. Com  
**9:30** Sizzlers  
**10:00** Dil Se  
**10:30** Jharokha  
**11:00** Music Box  
**11:30** Phoren Maal

ALPHA TV

**BANGLA**  
**7:00** Shayola  
**7:30** Aalaap Bengali Spl  
**8:00** Sur Taal Bengali  
**8:30** Gaan Unltd.  
**9:10** Bharat Bhraman  
**9:30** Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan  
**10:00** Saregama  
**11:00** Mayurakshi Tumi Bangla  
**11:30** Gaan Unltd.  
**12:00** Bhalo Bhasha  
**12:30** Chena Mukher Shari  
**1:00** Kapurush  
**1:30** Ek Akasher Niche  
**2:00** Pratibimba  
**2:30** Aranna Banhi  
**5:00** Gaan Unltd.

**5:30** Football  
**6:00** News in Bengali  
**6:30** Mayurakshi Tumi Bangla  
**7:00** Shayola  
**7:30** Purobi Bangla  
**8:00** Patibimba  
**8:30** Ek Akasher Niche  
**9:10** Chena Mukh Shari  
**9:55** Kapurush  
**10:25** Bishesh Sangbad Data  
**11:00** News in Bengali  
**11:30** Aat Pake Bandha  
**12:00** Shayola  
**AXN**  
**6:30** Movie: Deadly Crossing  
**8:30** Rollerjam  
**9:30** CSI  
**10:30** Xena  
**11:30** The Amazing Race  
**12:30** No Boundaries  
**1:30** CSI  
**2:30** Movie: Deadly Crossing  
**4:30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents  
**5:30** Fear Factor  
**6:30** Dual  
**7:30** The Amazing race  
**8:30** Prime Zone  
**9:30** X zone  
**10:30** MonMovie: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen

CNBC

**7:00** Asia Squawk Box  
**7:30** India Business Hour  
**9:00** US Business Centre  
**10:30** Bazaar  
**12:00** Your Stocks  
**1:30** Business Lunch  
**2:00** Dalal Street  
**2:30** Europe Squawk Box  
**3:00** India Market Wrap  
**4:00** Closing Bell  
**4:30** Business Now  
**5:00** Asian Wall Street Journal  
**6:00** Digital Revolution  
**8:00** US Squawk Box  
**9:00** Markets Today  
**9:30** India Business Hour  
**10:30** Business at 10/Budget Specials  
**11:00** Digital Revolution  
**11:30** India Business Hour